

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary of Defense****Ballistic Missile Defense Advisory Committee; Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting**

**SUMMARY:** The Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Advisory Committee will meet in closed session at Eglin Air Force Base, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, on January 27–28, 1998.

The mission of the BMD Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), on all matters relating to BMD acquisition, system development, and technology.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92–463, as amended by 5 U.S.C., Appendix II, it is hereby determined that this BMD Advisory Committee meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(1), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: December 31, 1997.

**Linda M. Bynum,**

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,  
Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER97–4730–000]

**Alpha Energy Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order**

January 2, 1998.

Alpha Energy Corporation (Alpha) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Alpha will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Alpha also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Alpha requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Alpha.

On December 18, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of

liability by Alpha should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Alpha is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Alpha's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 20, 1998. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EG98–26–000]

**Alta Power Generation, L.L.C.; Notice of Application for Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status**

January 2, 1998.

Take notice that on December 23, 1997, Alta Power Generation, L.L.C. (Alta Power), with its principal office at c/o Houston Industries Power Generation, Inc., 1111 Louisiana, 16th Floor, Houston, TX 77002, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations. Alta Power states that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Houston Industries Power Generation, Inc., and an indirect subsidiary of Houston Industries Incorporated. Alta Power has acquired the Cool Water Generating Station in Daggett, California at auction from

Southern California Edison. Alta Power states that it will be engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates, as defined in Section 2(a)(11)(B) of PUHCA, and exclusively in the business of owning and/or operating, an interest in an eligible facility and selling electric energy at wholesale.

Any person desiring to be heard concerning the application for exempt wholesale generator status should file a motion to intervene or comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application. All such motions and comments should be filed on or before January 23, 1998, and must be served on Applicant. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EG98–27–000]

**Berkshire Power Company LLC; Notice of Application for Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status**

January 2, 1998.

Take notice that on December 23, 1997, Berkshire Power Company LLC, 200 High Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Applicant states that it is a Massachusetts limited liability company that proposes to construct and own a two hundred seventy-two (272) megawatt natural gas-fired electric generation facility, including ancillary and appurtenant structures, on a site in the town of Agawam, Massachusetts.

Any person desiring to be heard concerning the application for exempt wholesale generator status should file a motion to intervene or comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of